

Immune to the Carpet Bagger. There is one place in our new possessions where the exploiters will not go. The Minneapolis Times tells the story in these words:

There is at least one place where the consent of the governed has practical application. It is the island of Moloki, Hawaii's leper colony, whose inhabitants have been notified that they will be permitted to run their own affairs, just as they please. No ambitious carpet bagger is looking for the job of bossing that select and exclusive colony.

An Injustice to Its Readers. The Courier-Journal was so elated over the election of a gold democrat in St. Louis that it showed a disposition to ignore the facts. It says:

The election of Mr. Rolla Wells as mayor of St. Louis over five opponents who represented every variety of political opinion, including all the vagaries of socialism, is a distinct triumph for the conservative element of the democratic party. To win in the face of normal republican majority of 15,000 is evidence of the sanity of the people of St. Louis as well as a high personal tribute to Mr. Wells.

If the C.-J. would do justice to its readers it would tell them that Mr. McKinley carried St. Louis by less than 1,000 in 1900, and that Mr. Wells received nearly 17,000 votes less than the democratic candidate for president.

Jameson Raid On a Large Scale. Several days ago, Mr. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, made a statement in the House of Commons that the South African war has released the British Chartered South Africa Company of all financial liability for the one million pounds as indemnity in connection with the Jameson raid. This indemnity was in the nature of a fine for the participation of the officers of this company in the raid. It is not clear to a man on this side of the water why the war should relieve this great corporation from the payment of this fine. If Great Britain has succeeded to the republic's rights and to the republic's property, it would seem that this corporation should pay the one million pounds to Great Britain. The truth is that Great Britain's war in South Africa is a Jameson raid on a large scale. Perhaps Mr. Chamberlain has at last felt a twinge of conscience. Perhaps he has concluded that inasmuch as Great Britain is guilty of a thousand times greater wrong against the South African Republic than this corporation ever committed, His Majesty is hardly in a position to require the corporation to pay the indemnity.

Great Times for Speculators. The St. Louis Post Dispatch has a special from Wall Street which says:

Some large fortunes have been made in Wall street since election day. There are half a dozen new millionaires, while all the rich men have largely increased their fortunes. James R. Keene is said to have made ten millions since election day. Jacob Fields and John W. Gates, formerly of St. Louis, are both said to have made several million dollars. Thomas F. Ryan, Wm. C. Whitney, P. A. B. Widener and W. L. Elkins are credited with gaining enormously. J. P. Morgan, of course, has greatly added to his fortune, while Hy. S. Rogers, John D. Rocke-

feller, William Rockefeller, James Stillman and the group of millionaires associated with the Standard Oil Co. have probably made fabulous profits. Among the new millionaires are Arthur A. Housman, William L. Stow and Jefferson M. Levy, who is said to have made \$2,000,000 in Northern Pacific Consolidated Gas and Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Levy is said now to be worth at least \$5,000,000. James B. Dill is also one of the new millionaires in Wall street. He was one of the directors of the Carnegie Steel Co., but is said to have sold his stock at a handsome profit to Mr. Morgan.

No one doubts that republican policies promote speculation and bring great advantage to those who are on the inside. But what about the producers of wealth, who must give a hard-earned equivalent for every dollar they receive? Are they making millions? Now that the election is over, the republican farmer and wage earner can examine the terms of the partnership into which they have entered. The monopolists are getting the dividends, while the farmer and wage earner are getting the experience. How long can this one-sided partnership last?

Living on \$2.50 Per Week. A number of well meaning women in the city of Chicago have been discussing the problem of how a girl may live on \$2.50 per week. It would seem that the energies of these people could better be devoted to solving the problem of how to secure for every girl who is willing to toil fair compensation for her labor.

Mrs. Laura D. Pelham, President of the Hull House Woman's Club, in discussing this question, said that it was not possible for a person to live on such a salary. Then Mrs. Pelham added:

Such a matter should never have been broached. A girl cannot live unless she has other means of support. A life at that wage would be misery and shame. It is brutal for employers to take up such a matter for consideration, and foolish for others to debate it. I do not know so much about boys, but a girl must have more than that. Her clothing is not durable and she needs constant changes. Her shoes are a good sample. They are light and wear out fast—a boy's do not. I am perfectly astonished that women should advocate such a thing. None of us would.

Mrs. Pelham has hit the nail on the head. She has said all that is to be said on this question, and she has spoken well.

Not all Bad. A republican reader reminds the editor that republicans are not all bad, and that democrats are not all good. It is a wise and truthful, although not an original, remark. No one is so partisan as to believe that his own party is perfect, and that no other party contains any virtue.

The republican party was entrusted with power in 1896; it is now in control of the Executive, the Legislative, and Judicial branches of the government. THE COMMONER points out from time to time the evil tendency of republican policies. All republicans do not approve of what the republican party is doing, nor do all republicans fully realize the extent to which the monied interest have secured control of the republican organization. In criti-

cising republican policies, THE COMMONER does not wish to leave the impression that the democratic party, or any other party would administer the government to perfection, but it does believe that the democratic party would apply safer principles, and support wiser policies than the republican party is now doing.

The democratic party is not under obligations to the corporations, and, therefore, would be free to give the people protection from corporate greed; the republican party is under obligation to the corporations, and cannot be expected to give the people relief from their exactions.

While not all of the democrats are opposed to imperialism, nearly all are, and the majority would control. Most of the republicans either favor imperialism, or, if they oppose it, have not the courage to overthrow the leadership which has fastened the policy on the government.

Kindness to Dumb Animals. The Evanston, Illinois, City Council has adopted an ordinance providing a fine of from three to ten dollars to be imposed upon any one who kills or wounds any of the squirrels that run about on the boulevards and lawns of that city. Several years ago a citizen of Evanston brought a number of squirrels to that town and turned them loose on the streets and alleys. Recently many complaints have been made concerning the killing of the animals, and the city council has determined to do away with the evil practice.

This is a good move and should be adopted by every city council in the United States, not only for the protection of squirrels, but for the protection of birds and animals of all descriptions.

Several years ago the humane society offered a number of prizes for the best stories dealing with kindness to dumb animals. One of the stories submitted was written by Marshall Saunders, and entitled, "Beautiful Joe." This was the autobiography of a dog that in the beginning had experienced more than his share of woe. Later in life he was taken up by a kind hearted family and he is supposed to relate his experiences. It is an unpretentious little story, and yet is a most impressive one. It attracts, delights and instructs both the young and the old. It cannot fail to awaken in the breast of everyone who reads it a sense of duty towards dumb creatures.

It is of the highest importance that the children be taught the lesson of kindness to animals. Nothing can be expected of the boy or girl who is cruel to a bird or an animal. There is a future before every child that cultivates an affection for, and respects the rights of, every one of God's creatures to life and happiness.

Mr. Carnegie will not entertain the idea of running for mayor of New York on the republican ticket. Mr. Carnegie announced that he hoped to die poor, but he probably does not want to spend all his money at once.